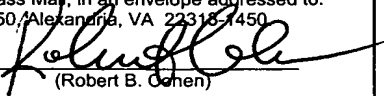


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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-31	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-31	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-31	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**Claims 1-31**

Document 1: JP, 2001-86452, A (Sony Corp.), 30 March, 2001
Par. No. [0105], Figs. 1-10 & CN, 1288207, A & EP, 1085740, A2

Document 1 describes a broadcast system wherein based on copyright information of still images contained in an MPEG header, the copyright protection of the still images is processed.
Furthermore, as an MPEG header, PMT, EIT, and SDT are well-known.

Therefore, the inventions relating to claims 1-31 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 1 cited in the ISR.